

ROUND ABOUT WESTERLY

Wood-River Branch Railroad Unable to Pay Interest on Bonds—Artillerymen to Start For Fort Greble Today—Delayed Freight Locomotive Delays Boston Express—Mrs. Susan E. Peckham, 86, Fractures Hip by Fall—Mrs. Patrick Fenelon's Death.

The Wood River Branch railroad is in financial straits and the interest on the bonds which fell due July 1 has been defaulted. The railroad is about six miles in length and is between Hope Valley and Wood River Junction, connecting with the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad at the latter place. The railroad was built about 40 years ago and was capitalized at \$100,000. The stock was subscribed for mostly by residents of Hope Valley and vicinity, including Westerly, but was insufficient to equip the road and meet other expenses of construction, and bonds amounting to \$50,000 were issued by the corporation. No interest has ever been paid on the stock, as no dividends have been available at any time for that purpose. The interest on the bonds, however, has always been paid heretofore when due. The lack of earning power of the road is largely due to the falling off in business at Hope Valley since the destruction by fire of the big Nichols & Langworthy machine shop, one of the products of which was the Dock engines. The condition of the road is bad and it has not been considered safe for traffic for some time. Several complaints have been filed within the past year with the railroad commissioners of the road and the cars, and repairs were made, but not sufficient to satisfy those who are obliged to patronize the road frequently.

The road has been deteriorating for several years and what the road would bring at forced sale is problematical. The territory is peculiarly located and under existing conditions is obliged to pay tribute to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company. The latter railroad, or its predecessor, was a large subscriber to the stock of the Wood River Branch corporation when the branch road was built, and still holds the stock. In fact, several of the officials of the New Haven road are directors of the Wood River Branch corporation. Quite a large block of the bonds are said to be held as collateral by the First National bank of Hartford.

The president of the Wood River road, ex-Lieut. Gov. Ralph C. Watrous, says that while the interest on the bonds is due and has not been paid, he hoped that some arrangement could be made to straighten out the matter. He said he could not say the amount of bonds that were hypothecated by the bank, but knew some of the bonds were so placed.

Major Arthur N. Nash and Bourdon A. Babcock and Capt. Robert C. Mackay and Lieutenant Patrick and Brewster, Fifth company, Westerly, with the other commissioned officers of the First and Second Artillery districts, Rhode Island National guard, will go to Fort Greble today (Monday), where they will receive a week's instruction previous to the commencement of the coast artillery camp at the fort. Most of the officers will return next Saturday, the First district officers for a week at home to return a week later with their commands, and the Second district officers to see to the equipping of their commands for commencement of the present week. This plan was tried last year and worked as well and met with the approval of the military authorities to such an extent that it will probably become a feature of the annual tour of duty.

During the absence of the officers at the fort the first sergeants will be in command of the companies and will attend to all matters concerning camp that have not been arranged. This plan puts considerable responsibility on the first sergeants and fits them for promotion. The troops of both districts will entrain in Providence, where the execution of the Westerly company, which will go to Sandertown, where the ferry will take them to Fort Greble.

Supreme Master John H. Redden of Denver, Colo., has reappointed C. Woodbury Gorman master of the fourth degree of the Knights of Columbus for the district of Rhode Island for a term of two years from July 1. The reappointment has the unanimous endorsement of the faithful navigators of the state. Under his administration as master of the fourth degree the highest in the order, the membership has increased from 269 to 335, and there is to be a commemorative dinner on Columbus day in which Westerly knights will participate. There are two local assemblies in the state divided into six districts, one of which is in Westerly.

George Lawton, once one of the best dressed residents of Westerly, now old, crippled and decrepit, whose actions are a disgrace to himself and who has stubbornly refused to reform and accept the good offices of respectable relatives in Westerly, was arrested as a vagrant in Providence Saturday. He was found guilty by the Sixth district court and as an act of charity was sentenced to two years in the state workhouse, an institution with which he is familiar. Lawton has served time for drunkenness and vagrancy in the New London county jails.

The eastbound New York and Boston express which left New London Sunday afternoon at 1:17 was 25 minutes late in arrival at Westerly. The delay was caused by a freight train held up at Westerly by reason of the fire coming off one of the wheels of the locomotive, which left the rails, but was stopped before serious damage resulted. A wrecking crew was sent from Middletown and the wreck was cleared in a few hours. The express went over on the westbound track at Stonington and back to the regular track at Westerly. The accident happened on the freight train just as the locomotive passed over the Westerly bridge. None of the cars left the rails.

Local Leagues.
William H. Oliver of Barre, Vt., is visiting relatives in Westerly.
The Congregational Sunday school, plunked at Waukeganquock casino Saturday.

William T. May of New London spent Sunday in Westerly with his brother, Dr. John L. May.
William Hoxie entertained the usual trustees of the Memorial Library association on his steam yacht Italia Saturday.

Lawrence D. Chase, Earl S. McNeill, Stephen R. Peckham and Leroy Farnsworth have been elected deacons of the First Baptist church.
Mrs. Susan E. Peckham, aged 86, stumbled and fell in her home in Me-

chanic street Saturday morning and sustained a fracture of the left hip. She is in a serious condition.

Robert G. Thackeray has resigned as a teller at the Washington Trust company to become assistant treasurer of the Westerly Light and Power company. After a vacation of three weeks he will assume his new duties.

In the Stonington town court Saturday Judge Green granted a continuance of two weeks in the case of John Spilane, charged with rape upon a minor named Platt. Attorney Ledwidge is counsel for accused and asked for the continuance.

There was a small fire in the Railroad avenue restaurant Sunday morning that threatened to be serious. In response to a telephone call to the firehouse, several firemen with portable extinguishers arrived and subdued the flames with slight loss to property.

The funeral of Albert Platt was largely attended at his residence in Mechanic street Saturday afternoon. Rev. J. W. Ford officiated and referred to the sudden death by accident of the deceased while voluntarily assisting others in the removal of a piano. Burial was at River Bend.

An automobile from the Smith garage ran into a trolley car of the Norwich and Westerly Traction company in High street Saturday and was slightly damaged. The trolley car was moving slowly and the automobile "bumper" off a driveway. The auto could not be stopped in time to avoid collision.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fenelon, widow of Patrick Fenelon, formerly of New London, and aunt to William Lusk of that city, died Saturday night at the home of her son John in Oak street. She was 84 years of age and is survived by two sons, Edward J. and John Fenelon, and one daughter, Mrs. John Stevenson, of Westerly.

MYSTIC

Union Service Held at Congregational Church—Launch Party to Fisher's Island—Local Guests at Silver Wedding.

Sunday evening the union service of the Baptist, Methodist and Congregational churches was held at 7:30 o'clock at the Congregational church and was largely attended. Rev. Welcome E. Bates, pastor of the Baptist church, preached an able sermon. Mrs. J. Elmer Newbury sang the organ solo. The young people's societies held their service at 6:30 o'clock at the parish house.

Outing to Fisher's Island.
Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Kreitzer, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Godfrey, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hermes, Mr. and Mrs. William Donsbach and C. Harvey Gilliland spent Sunday at Fisher's Island making the trip in Mr. Donsbach's launch. Dinner was served and a most delightful time was spent.

Carriers on Vacation.
George C. Ritt, clerk at the Mystic postoffice, is enjoying his annual 15 days' vacation on the farm he recently purchased from Stephen Caswell in Ledyard. Rural Carrier Louis Grandall is also enjoying his annual 15 days' vacation.

Meeting Postponed.
Because of the death of Mrs. C. H. Homer, the meeting at the Mystic Country club on Saturday evening was postponed, Mrs. Homer being an active member of the club.

At Silver Wedding.
Many relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Leahy of Stonington were in that place Saturday evening attending the 25th anniversary of their marriage. Mr. Leahy was a former resident of Mystic and has many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanton Gates of New York are guests of Mr. Reuben Ford. Hiram Hubert, William T. Frank, Irwin Hubert of New York, Frank N. Gilliland of New Britain, Roscoe Burrows of Boston, Ira E. Noyes of New



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